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Inter Application of Gunnar Heskestad

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 15, 2005, the applicant has the following remarks:

REMARKS

The indication by the Examiner of allowable subject matter in claims 1-6, 14 and 16-19 is gratefully acknowledged.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 7-14 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Munk et al. is respectfully requested. Claim 7 is directed to a system for exhausting smoke from a space having an upper boundary, wherein smoke accumulates from the upper boundary downward, comprising, among other structure, at least one opening through the upper boundary to exhaust smoke from the space. Furthermore, claim 7 calls for a system having, among other structure, at least one make-up air shaft communicating through the upper boundary with air outside the space.

In Munk et al., most of the disclosure involves conserving energy by the manner in which